

courteously disagree with this ground for rejection, claims 13 and 18 have been canceled. Thus, the rejection may be withdrawn.

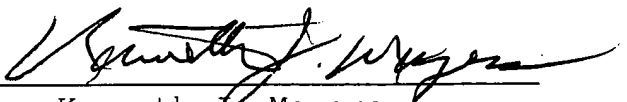
In view of the cancellation of the rejected claims, applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action at the Examiner's convenience is courteously solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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